

COMMUNITY NEWS

NRCS accepting applications for program

Landowners in Alabama with qualifying properties are encouraged to consider applying for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). This is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property.

WRP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Funds are allocated annually to purchase easements and restore wetlands on qualifying lands. For 2007, applications received by March 15, 2007, will be ranked and considered for funding.

To be eligible for WRP, land must be restorable and be suitable for wildlife benefits. This includes:

- Farmed wetlands
- Farmland that has become a wetland as a result of flooding
- Rangeland, pasture, or hayland having wetland soils
- Riparian areas which link protected wetlands

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact the local USDA/NRCS field service center to file an application. Applicants will be contacted by an NRCS employee who will complete an evaluation of the site for ranking purposes. Those selected for funding will be notified in writing by the NRCS state office.

Landowners can choose from three options. There is the restoration agreement, which pays 75 percent of the cost of restoring the wetland by planting trees and adding shallow water.

There is the 30 year easement, which pays the landowner 75 percent of the per acre value of the easement plus 75 percent cost-share. Then there is the permanent easement, which pays the landowner 100 percent of the easement value and 100 percent of the cost of restoring the area.

Restoring, protecting, and enhancing the functions and values of wetland ecosystems remain the focus of WRP in Alabama. By placing agricultural lands into WRP, the landowner provides resting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, wading birds and other wetland species. The NRCS in Alabama takes great pride in contributing to the many species of water birds observed on WRP lands.

WRP assistance is based on the potential benefit which the public may realize from wetland protection and restoration—projects and lands with the greatest wetland values are given the highest priority. Generally, agricultural lands containing restorable wetlands are eligible for funding, although forested lands are only eligible for participation in WRP if they are not enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Participation in the WRP program can be beneficial to the landowner as well as to the environment. For more information about participation in the WRP program, contact your local NRCS office at the Farm Service Center in New Brockton. Telephone 334-894-5581, ext. 3.

Sidewalk Art Festival and Bike Ride held Jan. 27th

The Elba Parks and Recreation sponsored the first annual Sidewalk Art Festival and Bike Ride Saturday, Jan. 27, in Elba.

Several participants weathered the cold temperatures to participate in the events held at TigerTown Park in Elba.

As shown above, the sidewalk in front of TigerTown Park received a colorful facelift as youngsters drew various designs.

Following the art festival, lunch was provided. In the afternoon, bicycles of all shapes and sizes were unloaded as participants prepared to peddle through Elba.

This too proved to be a fun event for all ages. Even Elba Police Officer John Nelson was caught making his way via bicycle.

The Elba Parks and Recreation currently is planning a Sock Hop for Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Rec. Center. Officials invite everyone to attend.



HEADING TO THE SOCK HOP... Michele Hudson, the program coordinator for the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, is dressed in her poodle skirt and ready to go to the 1st Annual Sock Hop, set for Saturday, February 17th, at the Recreation Center.

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Elba sewer rates and garbage fees to increase March 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was extremely busy Monday evening, Feb. 12. Some items of interest to most people probably included the vote to increase sewer rates, as well as, an increase in residential garbage rates.

The residential sewer rate increase will increase the minimum from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month. The new rates are effective March 1st, 2007.

Because sewer rates are tied to water usage volume, the following changes will apply:

First, 2,000 gallons at the basic rate noted above. The next 3,000 gallons will increase from \$2.00 per thousand to \$2.50. The next 7,000 gallons will increase from \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.25 each 1,000 gallons. There is no residential sewer charge for usage over 12,000 gallons, thus the maximum residential sewer charge will be \$26.25.

Commercial sewer rates will also increase. Basic minimum rates will go from \$14.00 to \$16.00 and will cover the first 3,000 gallons of water consumed. All usage over this minimum will be charged at \$1.50, up from the old \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons. There is no maximum charge on commercial usage.

Sewer tapping fees were also increased. A four inch sewer tap will cost \$400, a six inch tap will cost \$500 and an eight inch tap will increase to \$600.

Residential garbage fees were also increased by the Elba City Council. The new rate, effective March 1st, 2007, is \$14.00 per month, up two dollars from the previous rate.

In other business, the council heard citizen Jim Nichols give a presentation on a new, stronger ordinance dealing with dilapidated and/or severely damaged buildings.

Under the proposal presented

Young Farmers program celebrates 50 years

Eleven successful farm families were honored Feb. 3 as the Alabama Farmers Federation gathered in Huntsville to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Young Farmers program.

More than 400 Federation members were on hand for the Young Farmers Leadership Conference, which included educational seminars, the Outstanding Young Farm Family and Collegiate Discussion Meet contests, and a special recognition of the first leaders of the Young Farmers division.

"You, your organization and others like you are the hope of this country," said Marvin Kelley of Etowah County, who was honored as the first chairman of the Young Farmers program.

Following the commemoration of the 50th anniversary, current Young Farmers Director Brandon Moore joined State Young Farmers Chairman Steve Stroud of Pike County and Federation President Jerry A. Newby of Limestone County in presenting plaques to 11 commodity division winners in the Outstanding Young Farm Family competition.

Andy and Dixie Lavender of Coffee County were named winners in the peanut producer division.

Educational programs during the two-day conference included a presentation by Bruce Vincent, a third-generation Montana timber grower, who urged Alabama's young farmers to help shape a new environmental vision for agriculture.

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by Nichols, stiff fines would be imposed on those who fail to comply with the law. It also would hold a renter responsible for certain maintenance needs, such as grass and weeds in a yard.

Mayor James Grimes thanked

Nichols and said the council would review the recommendations and possibly include them in an already ongoing effort by city officials to bring city ordinances in line with state laws passed last year by the state Legislature.

Effective immediately

Elba Electric rates increased

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board voted Monday evening, Feb. 12, to increase electric rates for residential and small commercial users.

Effective with the next billing, residential rates will increase from \$1.086 per kwh to

\$1.05 per kwh. This will result in about an extra \$30.00 for a homeowner who uses 1500 kwh.

Small commercial rates will increase from \$.081 to \$.103 per kwh.

Both will be offset somewhat by a reduction in the monthly fuel adjustment charges.

New Brockton Town Council approves

new garbage collection service contract.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council made a decision regarding the new garbage contract for the town Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, during the regular monthly meeting.

Mayor Charles Cole said officials had renegotiated the contract bid presented by Arrow Disposal, and the company agreed to \$12.90 per can, each month with no escalation clause. Another option for the town would be a minimum fee of \$6,011.41 per month for the service.

Mayor Cole also said the town's once looked at option of handling it's own garbage collection no longer looked feasible.

"The only choice we've got now is to accept it (contract from Arrow) or reject it," said Cole. "We've already renegotiated."

Arrow was the only company to submit a bid for the town's

garbage collection service. The new contract will take effect in March.

The mayor mentioned a possibility of Arrow working with New Brockton on a two-year contract rather than a three-year contract.

Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Cal Donnia Howard to accept the renegotiated bid from Arrow at \$12.90 per can for a 2-year period, if possible. This motion passed by a unanimous vote (council member Vicky Harrison was unable to attend the meeting).

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Building coming down...

Owners of Clements Furniture on the west side of the square in downtown Elba said this week they have reached an agreement with their insurance company, and the building shown above in their complex will be coming down in the next few weeks. Plans now are to take the building completely down, all the way to the ground.

In December, city officials were notified of structural problems with the wall supports of the building (see insert). A steel support beam had slipped and the facade of both stories was in danger of falling into the street. The openly weak spot is where the building, occupied for many years by DeVanes, joins the long time home of the former Elba Drug Company. Occupants of both buildings were advised at that time to stop using the facilities until the problem was examined by experts and necessary corrections made. At that time, Clements Furniture closed that portion of their store and moved all the furniture to another area. The Curves facility next door moved to another site, Court Street, adjacent to the Coffee County Courthouse, has been closed to all traffic since that time and is expected to remain closed until the danger is completely eliminated.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

County EMA director reviews outdoor warning siren program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday, Feb. 12, on the county's outdoor warning system.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said Coffee County's outdoor siren program started in 1999 and currently 25 outdoor sirens are installed around the county. He said the 26th siren recently was ordered and will be installed in the Victoria community.

Tallas stressed the word outdoor indicating the outdoor warning sirens are not intended to warn people inside their homes or other buildings.

He said the sirens can feature up to seven different tones, and Coffee County uses three tones. He said the most common tone is the tornado warning while the sirens in New Brockton also feature a jail break tone and the siren in Elba features a flood tone.

Tallas said the tornado warning is sounded only under two circumstances. First, he said it is sounded if the national weather service issues a tornado warning, and secondly, he said it is sounded following a reputable report of a sighting within the county. Tallas said his

office always errs on the side of safety.

"I think our siren program is one of the best in the state," Tallas said. "We get very good support from our municipalities, especially Elba and Enterprise, along with our governing body (Coffee County Commission)."

Following the report from Tallas, commissioners heard from county resident Sherry Perdue regarding the stray animal problem within the county.

Perdue began her presentation by asking if there had been any change with the handling of this problem since she last addressed commissioners.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county still has cages available if anyone needs them.

Perdue became quite emotional as she showed commissioners photos of a stray horse she helped bring from poor health when found to good condition today. She also showed photos of a stray donkey that showed up in her yard, and she spoke of other starved animals in the county.

"There's a problem," Perdue said. "There's a big problem. Everyday, I see animals that are left. Surely, there is something that can be done."

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Department of Agriculture. He said this department has designated person in Coffee County who checks on such matters as cruelty to animals.

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Whitworth also said there had been questions regarding drug arrests to which he said the department made 31 drug arrest during the month of January. Of those, he said 25 were felony charges and six were misdemeanor charges. He noted that all were repeat offenders.

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LIFESTYLES



Little Miss Contestants from left to right - 1. Savannah Reynolds, 2. Madison Courson, 3. Shelby Weatherington, 4. Sierra Carpenter, 5. Alexis Smith, 6. Baylee Holley



Junior Miss Contestants from left to right - 1. Cassie Hays, 2. Abby Williams, 3. Chelsie Weatherington, 4. Ashley Snell, 5. Derrisa Driggers, 6. Clara Smith

2007 Sweetheart Banquet to be hosted by Greater Essence

The 2007 Sweetheart Banquet A Family Fellowship will be hosted by Greater Essence Women Society on February 17, 2007 at Mosley's Studio, Elba, Ala. beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a charge to attend and proceeds help benefit the 2007 high school scholarship fund.

Tickets may be purchased by calling: Lynell- 897-1541, Tony or Belinda- 897-1451, Liz- 897-3439, Jeanneva- 494-0862, Monique- 494-0863, Rolanda- 897-1992, Cathynette- 897-3334, or Allison- 897-6393.

Pictures will also be available for purchase.

Youth invited to participate in Wildlife Art Contest

The Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) is teaming up again with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge to promote this year's Ireland Youth Wildlife Art Contest and the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest throughout Alabama.

Both contests are open to all public, private and home school students in grades K-12 across Alabama. The top winners in each category will be awarded plaques and art supplies at a luncheon on Saturday, April 21, 2007, in Montgomery, Alabama. The winners' schools will also receive a \$50 gift certificate for their art program. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation for their entries.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation's Ireland Youth Wildlife Art Contest recognizes the outstanding artistic abilities of Alabama's students, while increasing students' knowledge and awareness of wildlife and wildlife habitat in Alabama. The AWF encourages students to research their subject to learn more about the species and its habitat requirements.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest design is a term paper in which students use visual rather than verbal articulation to show what they have learned. Participants select a species of North American waterfowl, research this species and its habitat, and then depict the waterfowl in an artistic medium.

The deadline for both contests is March 15, 2007. Submissions for the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest will be collected at the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in north Alabama, while contest submissions for the Ireland Youth Wildlife Art Contest will be collected at the AWF office in Millbrook.

For additional details about entering the Ireland Youth Wildlife Art Contest, visit the conservation education section of the AWF's website at www.alabamawildlife.org or contact the AWF at 1-800-822-9453 for a contest brochure. If you have questions regarding the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest, visit www.fws.gov/duckstamp/ or contact Kevin Hamrick at (256) 350-6639.

For more information call Carole Taylor at 334-774-2523.

Ms. Hill & Mr. Bragg to wed

Mr. Bragg & Ms. Hill
Saturday, March 3rd

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Whitley and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bragg wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Ms. Amber Nicole Hill to Mr. Justin Michael Bragg.

Amber is the daughter of Jeff and Donna Whitley of Reeltown, Ala. Justin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bragg of Elba, Ala. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crawford of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bragg of Brundidge, Ala.

The wedding is set for March 3, 2007 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at First Assembly of God Church, Elba, Ala.

TANNER B. MEDLEY

Army National Guard Pfc. Tanner B. Medley has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Terry and Michelle Medley of County Road 545, New Brockton, Ala. Medley is a 2005 graduate of New Brockton High School.

NEW ARRIVALS

ANASTASIA NOELLE CALDWELL



Anastasia Noelle Caldwell

Shannon Isley of Brantley and Quintan Caldwell announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Noelle Caldwell.

She was born Feb. 8, 2007, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. She weighed 5 pounds and was 18 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Charlotte Isley of Brantley, Paternal grandparents are Calvin and Teresa Nelson of Opp and Ronnie Caldwell of Elba.

AYRIKA CELESTE CALDWELL



Ayrika Celeste Caldwell

Shannon Isley of Brantley and Quintan Caldwell announce the birth of their daughter, Ayrika Celeste Caldwell.

She was born Feb. 8, 2007, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. She weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Charlotte Isley of Brantley, Paternal grandparents are Calvin and Teresa Nelson of Opp and Ronnie Caldwell of Elba.

SE Alabama

Beekkeepers

Association to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekkeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 1st of March, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Thursday & Friday-February 22 & 23 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Saturday-February 24 • 9 to 11 a.m.

A Three-part seminar led by Rev. Steve Ellensburg and wife, Cheryl, which explores six ways to enrich your marriage relationship.

Refreshments served and Nursery Provided!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By: Rev. Stanley Carter
Minister of Elba United Methodist Church

President's Day

Next Monday, February 19th, is President's Day. This is not a holiday that many people pay much attention to. Most people are just proud to be off work or out of school on this day. Perhaps some see it as a day to shop at the mall with a "President's Day Sale" going on.

President's Day is a holiday that deserves our attention. We should remember to pray for the leader of our nation. We should remember the great presidential leaders of the past who brought our nation through tough times and dark days.

The following prayer for our president comes from the United Methodist Book of Worship. I hope you will pray it on President's Day and remember to pray for our president every day.

"O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who glory is in all the world, and who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant, the President of the United States. Grant him wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill him with the love of truth and righteousness. So rule his heart and prosper his endeavors, that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail, to the honor of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

"Marriage Enrichment Seminar" set for February 22-24 at Love's Way Church

Love's Way Church has scheduled a "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" for February 22-24, 2007. The sessions for Thursday and Friday nights will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Saturday morning session will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

This will be a three-part seminar led by Rev. Steve Ellensburg and wife, Cheryl, which will explore six ways to enrich your marriage relationship.

Refreshments and nursery will be provided for each session. Casual dress is encouraged. Each person may register for an "Evening out" compliments of Love's Way. This will be a chauffeured limousine ride to Dothan and dinner in Dothan.

Love's Way Church is located 1/4 mile outside the Boll Weevil Circle on Highway 134 West, next to Covington Electric in Enterprise, Alabama.

For more information, call (334)393-6731

Elba Elementary School Menu

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Pancake, Pup/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice	Monday - Holiday- President's Day Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Orange, Milk Wednesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Thursday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, Apple, Milk Friday - Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Ice Cream, Milk

"The Deep South Quartet" to be the featured group for a gospel singing at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be hosting a Gospel Sing on February 24, 2007 starting at 6:00 PM. The featured group will be "The Deep South Quartet" from Prattville, AL.

Church is located about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms. For more information please call 334/347-0569 or 334/894-5021.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to host gospel singing on February 17th

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, located on County Road 110 (between Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 167) beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 17.

Featured at the singing will be The Riverfront Girls of Blountstown, Fla.

6th Annual Wild Game Banquet to be held February 16 at Ino B.C.

Ino Baptist Church will host the 6th Annual Wild Game Banquet on February 16, 2007. The guest speaker will be Troy Ruiz of Primos and admission is free. There will be a main meal consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs. Door prizes will be given. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

Ino Baptist Church is located 12 miles east of Opp on Hwy. 134. For more information please call 334-565-3970.

Registration still open for mini-term at EOCC

Registration continues to be open for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's second mini-term of the Spring Semester. The term will begin on March 6. Courses are offered for both day and night at the Enterprise Campus, for evenings at the Fort Rucker Site, and for both day and night at the Ozark Aviation Campus. All courses are of a general education nature and include English, math, science, music appreciation, business, computers, art appreciation, and more. For more information about the course offerings, how to register for second mini-term, or how to be admitted to the College, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, or the Ozark Aviation Campus at (334) 774-5113, or go online at www.eocc.edu.

The University of Mobile is a private university affiliated with the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Over 1,600 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Christian Studies, School of Education, School of Nursing, Center for Performing Arts and Center for Adult Programs.

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Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Peter 1:1-12

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU! Rev. J. M. Bryant, Marie Tillis, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. Charles Lane, Helen Hightower, Bufus Tillis, Sr.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Marcus Caldwell-February 11, James Henderson-February 11, Wiley Brooks-February 12, Tom and Linda Hooks-February 13 (Wedding Anniversary), Ernest and Margaret Horstead-February 14 (Wedding Anniversary), Tina Hill-February 16, John "Bud" Waters-February 17 (In Memory Of), Slaya Kelley-February 18.

Susie Marie Hooks

THE MULBERRY DISTRICT MATRON MINISTRY presents, Mrs. Essie Dubose, guest speaker, and the African American Men and Women in Hats, on Saturday, February 24, 2007, beginning at 6 p.m. at The Mulberry District Association Building, located on Hwy. 84 West, Elba, Alabama. Rev. W. L. Peterson is the moderator and Sis. Mary Robinson is the president.

Pastors, ministers, and church members of the Mulberry District, please come out and be a part of this celebration. The theme is: From Slavery to Freedom: African's in the America's.

THE ANNUAL MEN'S DAY celebration at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., will be held Sunday, February 18, 2007, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. J. Henry Williams, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala.

MUSTARD SEED CHRISTIAN Church to have Revival & Gospel Singings
Mustard Seed Christian Church will host Fellowship Ministries Revival and Gospel Singings, February 21-24, 7:00 p.m. Evangelist Rev. Jerry Marshall of Mount Judea, Arkansas, Bro. Bro Smith and The Singing Miracles will be featured Friday, February 23rd, and Sister Jane Wambles will be in concert Saturday, February 24th.

For more information call 334-210-0030, - Rev. Mary Seavey. The church is located in the Victoria Community off County Rd. 211, Jack, Ala. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Church Directory

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Ciara Burrows

EHS baseball throws first pitch

by Justin Williams

The Elba High School baseball program has begun a new chapter as Coach Mike Bucklew and Coach Bryan Peacock have been preparing the guys for a tough season. When asked about this baseball season, Head Coach Mike Bucklew replied, "The success of the team is based on the how badly we want to work, and so far the work ethic has been impressive."

This year seems to be a much tougher one than in recent years as the team is gearing up to make a considerable donation to this worthy cause.

EHS varsity basketball program recognizes seniors

by Ciara Burrows

The varsity girls and boys basketball teams ended the regular season Friday, Feb. 2, against Opp.

By tradition, the last home game is Senior Recognition Night, and this year was no exception. Before the varsity boys game, Mrs. Barnes called for all senior players and parents to come down to the court along with senior cheerleaders.

Head Coach Glen Johnson (boys team) and Head Coach Brain Peacock (girls team) gave flowers and gift bags to their senior players.

Two seniors led the varsity boys: Antwon Tillis and Jimmy Morris.

Antwon is the son of Tammy Tillis and Abraham Tillis. He has been playing basketball for five years as a power forward and center. His favorite thing about basketball is competing against other players.

Jimmy Morris is the son of Jimmy and Samantha Morris. He has been playing for four years as a point guard and shooting guard. His favorite thing about basketball is being out there and

Seniors recognized by the basketball program included: (front, l to r) Christina Bryant and Lauren McClung; (back, l to r) Tiffany Crawford, Fonda Thigpen, Jimmy Morris and Antwon Tillis.

Elba Elementary School Spring Pictures will be Thursday, March 22nd

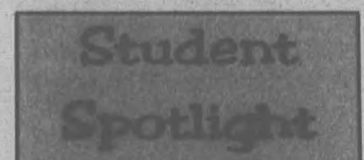
Elba High School organization raises money in a tasty way

by Lauren McClung

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, and Wednesday, Feb. 7, at approximately 9:28 a.m., students at Elba High School were seen rushing down the halls to get to break. Why, one might ask, were the students so much more

enthusiastic to get to the cafeteria than normal?

It was because the Elba High School Student Council held a bake sale. They brought brownies, cookies, cupcakes and



by Yocquesa Terry



This week's student spotlight features Cory Miller.

Cory is the 17-year-old son of John and Sherry Miller. He enjoys fishing, hunting and mud riding.

Cory is an all-around good guy and student at Elba High School. He is an active member of FFA and Skills USA, as well as, a member of the Elba Tiger Varsity Football Team.

Cory's future plans after graduation is to go into the military. When asked to describe himself in one word, Cory replied, "A Hillbilly."

Elba High students tryout for District 8 and All-State honor bands

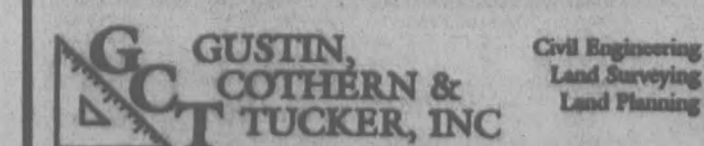
by Erica Daniels

On Saturday, Jan. 27, four students from Elba High School

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Journalism staff hosts Elbala pageant

by Melanie Mularz

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Elbala staff hosted the annual Miss Elbala Beauty Pageant, "Enchantment Under the Sea." The night consisted of a parade of young ladies ranging from Kindergarten to 12th grade and entertainment provided by many students from the school.



The Mini Miss Elbala winners were second alternate Audrey Rodriguez, Mini Miss Elbala Hailey Parrish, and first alternate Amaysia Whitfield.



In the Little Miss division, A'Jaspin Whitfield was second alternate, Sarah Bryan was crowned Little Miss Elbala, and first alternate was Vanessa Magwood.



In the Junior Miss competition, Megan King was voted Jr. Miss Congeniality. Pageant winners included Junior Miss Elbala Lindsay McClung, first alternate Lindsey Carmely and second alternate Ken Jones.



In the Miss division, Tiffany Johnson was voted Miss Congeniality. Pageant winners included Miss Elbala Christina Bryant, first alternate Michelle Aruz and second alternate Cortlin Lee.

Softball season set to begin Feb. 20th

by Tierney Starks

On Monday, Jan. 29, and Tuesday, Jan. 30, softball tryouts were held at Elba High School.

There are 13 girls on the Varsity Softball Team and 12 on the Jr. Varsity Team. The softball tryouts consisted of basic fundamentals such as catching, throwing, running, bunting and hitting.

Melanie Mularz, former varsity team member said, "Even

Jr. Beta induction ceremony held at EHS

by Tierney Starks

The Jr. Beta Induction Ceremony was held Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Elba High School auditorium at 6:30pm.

The Jr. Beta officers are: Janice Carley, president; Kayla Rials, vice president; Lindsey McClung, historian; and Emily Miller, secretary. Mrs. Leigh Ryan is the sponsor for Jr. Beta.

The following students were inducted: Sarah Banz, Tiffany Bradshaw, Tamara Burks, Jake Carley, Isabel Carpenter, Latofa Culver, Elisa Dewberry, Selina Dodd, Kea-Auna Edwards, Seth Hanchey, Keira



Two selected for Auburn Honor Band

by Justin Williams

Lauren McClung and Robyn Hudson were selected from Elba High School to be a part of the Auburn Honor Band.

They were selected out of students from surrounding states, and each school that participates can only have two students that

are eligible. Students will be under the direction of famous conductors from across the country.

It is such a privilege for students to be among the best band conductors and be apart of such a prestigious program. The students left Friday, Feb. 9, and returned Sunday, Feb. 11.

SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty (History Teachers)

by Sheena-Marie Hanesy, Kala Killingsworth and Brittany Dimmocks

MRS. KIMBERLY BLEVINS
When is your birthday?
September 18

How long have you been teaching?
This is my first year at Zion Chapel, but I taught for one year in North Carolina.

What do you think about Zion Chapel?
I love it! Zion Chapel reminds me of where I grew up in North Carolina.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?
The interaction with my students.

What are your hobbies?
Spending time with my family, reading, watching Madison do gymnastics and taking a nap when I have a chance.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in?
Fort Rucker OCSA, AEA

What is your biggest achievement?
Graduating from college with honors and having my dad on stage with me when I received my diploma.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
When my daughter did "snow angels" on the floor as my husband was receiving his Bronze Stars.

Do you have any children?
One daughter, Madison.

What colleges did you attend?
Methodist College and Troy University in Dothan.

Auburn or Alabama? Either one I guess, I'm a Tarheel fan at heart. If I have to choose...Roll Tide!

MR. MARCUS TAYLOR
When is your birthday?
June 19

How long have you been teaching?
This is my first year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel?
I love it.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?
Watching students succeed.

What are your hobbies?
Coaching.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in?
Football, Basketball.

What is your biggest achievement?
Graduating college.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
Losing the state title game in 1982.

Do you have any children?
No.

What colleges did you attend?
Dana, College in Nebraska.

Auburn or Alabama?
Alabama.

COACH HARRY LEES
When is your birthday?
December 14

How long have you been teaching?
I have been teaching 12 years.

What do you think about Zion Chapel?
It's awesome!

What is your favorite thing about teaching?
Influencing kids.

What are your hobbies?
Drawing football plays.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in?
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

What is your biggest achievement?
Having a wife and two kids.

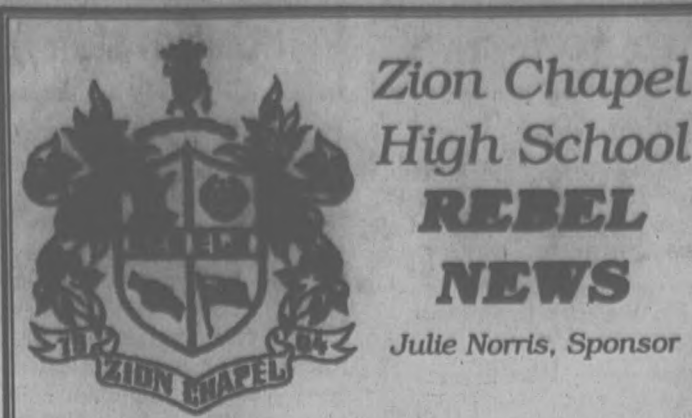
What is your most embarrassing moment?
During the first class I ever taught, my fly was open.

Do you have any children?
Yes, one daughter and one son.

What colleges did you attend?
Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama?
Navy!

Anything else interesting or unique that you would like to share?
I have a sweet white eyebrow.



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Julie Norris, Sponsor

Career Day held at ZCES



Over 30 visitors from 20 professions spoke to Zion Chapel students in grades K-6 on Thursday, Feb. 8. The visitors shared information about their careers and emphasized the vocabulary used in their jobs and the ways they need and use mathematics. The professions areas included: technology, finance, science, media, health, utilities, engineering, agriculture, fire safety, and personal security.

Zion Chapel participates in Mentoring Matters program

by Stacy Williams and Jenna Mobley

Mentoring Matters, which was formally known as Teen Advisors, is a mentoring program designed for peer to peer mentoring.

Local high school students are trained to advise middle school students on a wide range of topics they face today. The program has been in existence since 1998 under the support of Title V.

Troy Regional Medical Center lead agency. It is co-sponsored by Charles Henderson Child Health Center.

Mentoring Matters selects high school students based on academic status, integrity, and honorable character. They must



Students selected from Zion Chapel include: Brittany Cardwell, Jessica Carroll, Stephanie Collier, Amanda Geddings, Caitlin Grissett, Tori Hodge, Brittany Layton, Tracie Long, Courtney Nelson, LeAnna Vinson, Caitlin White, Harry White, and Loyd White.

have the desire to be a positive role model, have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and must submit three letters of recommendation.



THE ALL "A" PARTY (by Ashley Hudson)...Zion Chapel School recently held an "All A Party" for students with all As the whole year. This special party honors elementary and high school students. This party was divided between two days. On Thursday, Feb. 8, students in grades 7-12 were honored. The party on Friday, Feb. 9, honored students in grades 4-6. The high school students enjoyed pizza at their party (shown below) while the elementary and the middle school students enjoyed cupcakes (shown above).



F.C.A. Beauty Pageant helps raise money for ZC athletes

The Zion Chapel FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Beauty Pageant was held recently to help athletes at Zion Chapel pay their way to go to FCA camp in the summer.

FCA camp is held at Black Mountain, N. C. Around 500 athletes from around the south go to FCA camp each year.

The athletes will not only be taught skills in their sport by college coaches, but they also have the chance to listen to college and pro athletes/coaches share their testimonies of how they came to know Christ and how they live out their Christian walks. The athletes are challenged both physically and spiritually, and the camp has a lasting effect on their lives.

In addition to the beauty pageant, FCA also had different fund raisers in the community to help pay for the camp fees.

A "powder puff" football tournament is held in which the high school girls had the chance to show off their football skills in front of the school. Also, a "Red-White" spring football game helps fund the camp. People have donated money to help the athletes get to camp.

The cost of the camp is \$365 per camper. Zion Chapel FCA tries to get each camper to come up with \$100 on their own to help pay for the camp. Each year, there are some that just can't come up with the money, and the fundraisers help offset the cost.

People in the Zion Chapel community have been very supportive in helping send kids to camp. Not only do they attend the fundraisers and donate money, but some people and organizations (like St. Johns Baptist Church) help carry players and their luggage to Montgomery, where the buses are met to go to North Carolina.

Anyone interested in finding out more about FCA camp should call Zion Chapel High School and talk to Coach Harry Lees or Shannon Boswell.



Tiny Miss FCA winners were Jordan McKenzie Morrow, Tiny Miss FCA; Natalie Jean Chandler, first runner-up; and Amberli Shae Arnett, second runner-up. Photogenic: Natalie Jean Chandler.



Petite Miss FCA winners were Alexandria Lauren Sanders, Petite Miss FCA; Kinley Laine Parker, first runner-up; Haleigh Elizabeth Dewberry, second runner-up. Photogenic: Madison Claire Powell.



Junior Miss FCA winners were Ashleigh DeSandro, Junior Miss FCA; Sheldyn Makala Sanders, first runner-up; Jennisia Marie Allen, second runner-up. Photogenic: Jennisia Marie Allen.



Teen Miss FCA winners were Shelby Michelle Boswell, Teen Miss FCA; Erica Logan, first runner-up; Lindsay Amlong, second runner-up. Photogenic: Shelby Michelle Boswell.



Miss FCA winners were Erica Danielle Lewis, Miss FCA; Samantha Marie Bryan, first runner-up; Summer Parker, second runner-up. Photogenic: Erica Danielle Lewis.

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effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA, the 12th day of February, 2007.

/s/ James E. Grimes Mayor

/s/ Tom Hooks Councilman

/s/ David Bandstra Councilman

/s/ Mike McKee Councilman

/s/ Ronnie Hammonds Councilman

/s/ Wayne Grantham City Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF ALZIE L. HUDSON, deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-07-011

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of February 2007 by the Honorable William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this 7th day of February 2007.

/s/ Patricia H. Blanks Personal Representative

2/15, 22, 3/1-Pd

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR

ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE ELLIARD, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC-07-004

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of February, 2007, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Claiuzell Elliard Personal Representative

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ORDINANCE 2122007-1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Elba City Council, Elba, Alabama that:

Page 5 Section (1) of Ordinance 092605 be changed to read as follows:

(1) Fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per month for each dwelling house, mobile home, trailer or other occupied dwelling and for each apartment in apartment houses, or complexes and for each trailer in trailer parks; and the owner of each said apartment house or complex shall be liable for the garbage fee on each mobile home or house trailer in said trailer park.

New rates will be effective with next billing cycle.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND FINAL WETLANDS NOTICE

The USDA, Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from Covington Electric Cooperative to loan to Kelley Foods, Inc. for expansion of its production facility. The specific elements of this proposed action include the construction of a 10,780 square foot expansion for production purposes.

The acres of wetlands impacted are approximately five acres more or less of a 38 +/- acres parcel of land located at 1867 Lower Curtis Road, South of the Picking House in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Wetlands are located on approximately four acres along Eastern side of property and approximately one acre in Northern area of property which contains a three-cell sewage lagoon system. Neither of the wetland areas would be disturbed by this project.

Mitigating measures to avoid potential adverse impacts include committing the four acres of undisturbed wetland area to "Open Space", and requiring that the one-acre wastewater treatment lagoon remain in its present state.

Rural Development has determined that this proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, Rural Development will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within 15 days following the date of this publication to: Rural Development Area Director, USDA - Rural Development, 205 West Adams Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

Rural Development will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this fifteen-day period. Requests to receive a copy, or to receive the Rural Development Environmental Assessment upon which this determination is based should be directed to the Rural Development Area Director at the above address.

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***If there is an existing tap in place and it is necessary for the City to locate the existing tap there will be a \$200.00 location fee billed to the user.

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Something Better

by Linda M. Hodge

Chapter Two

"Who were you on the phone with," Anna asked as Kevin walked into the family room.

"You're kidding. You mean he actually answered the phone?"

"He did. Can you believe it?" No. Not really.

"Wait. It gets better."

Anna could not imagine what Kevin was going to say next. She knew it must be big, though. The shock on her husband's face said it all.

"He's coming home for a visit," Kevin continued.

"No way. When?"

"In a couple of days. And, he said he's going to stay a couple of weeks."

"Our Kyle? Are you sure?"

Now, even Anna was in shock. That was the last thing she expected to hear Kevin say. She knew he had hoped Kyle would eventually decide to come home again even if only for a short visit, but she had long lost

SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I got the opportunity to go with my daughter to hunt for a prom dress a few weekends back and actually helped her pick out a few dresses to try on. I will admit that my taste and hers weren't exactly the same. However, she did get my opinion on all the ones she tried on and even chose the one I thought looked the best. Either my taste in prom dresses is getting better, or she was ready to put back on her jeans and go home.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an abrupt end last week in the opening round of the area tournament, and posted a final record of 9-18 in a year that saw the Tigers close the season with ten straight losses. Elba's Coach Glen Johnson knew his team would struggle at times when the season started because of its lack of experience, but I doubt he expected the team to falter so badly late in the season, and never imagined it would suffer so many lopsided defeats. Elba got off to fast start thanks to a favorable schedule and posted a total of eight wins over county foes Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brocton, but the Tigers managed only one more win with the remainder of the season, and weren't even competitive in most games in the closing weeks. I know the season is over and won't tip back off for almost nine months. However, at Elba High there is a lot of work to be done both on and off the court if next season will be any better.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers were also eliminated in opening round action and closed out the season with a 5-18 record. The Lady Tigers had taken steps forward in recent years and had high hopes heading into the season, but like the boys had an inexperienced team, and found wins hard to come by. The girls did split with New Brocton and Zion Chapel to get at least some bragging rights, and brought home a trophy for a third place finish in a holiday tournament. While the girls will have most of their roster back next season, the Lady Tigers will still be in the same area, and will have to scratch and fight to win a lot of games.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and Kinston Lady Bulldogs both advanced to the area finals last week and are assured of taking part in sub-region play this week. The Bulldogs surprised Arton to move into the finals against Providence Christian, while the Lady Bulldogs also got the best of Arton to keep their season alive. While neither team will have a winning record when they hit the court for the next round, at least they will still be playing, which is quite a feat. As for the other schools in the county, New Brocton closed the season with a 12-11 record after dropping a narrow decision to G.W. Long in area action, while the Lady Gamecocks were simply no match for top-ranked Samson and saw the season come to a merciful conclusion. Zion Chapel played its best ball of the season in the closing weeks, but posted its second straight winless season, and the Lady Rebels struggled late and saw a disappointing season end with a 10-12 defeat.

*** In a twist of fate, the first place team in the boys basketball tournament game at Lenoir did get the chance to call a game coached by Zion Chapel grad Roland Bell. Coach Bell is in his second season as the girls coach at Notusula, and on the night I was there he led his team to a lopsided 89-22 win over Autaugaaville. Notusula's win upped its record to 17-7 on the season, and moved the girls into the area finals. After the game I tried to recruit Coach Bell for a county school, but he stated his wife had too many years in the system she was in to leave to head back near home. He may never come back home to coach, but one thing is for certain - Coach Bell is a winning coach.

*** In closing... Troy University's decision to move its game next season against Oklahoma State to a Friday night may have been a good decision financially, but it drew the immediate wrath of AUSA executive director Dan Washburn, who declared the Friday night game would affect all the high schools and their schedules, and would also affect the gates at the high school games already scheduled to be played on the same date. Bufaula football coach Dan Klages was also interviewed, and stated that while he was surprised by Troy's decision, he added "TV money speaks loudly." The game will be televised nationally by ESPN2 and will bring publicity and money to the Troy program, but I have my doubts as to just how many high school fans will abandon their teams and head to Troy to watch the Trojans. There aren't that many fans at the games that are played on Saturdays. So, why would Friday make any difference. It will be interesting to see if any area high schools change the dates of their games to Thursday night to try and avoid any conflict with the Trojans. One thing for sure, no high school bands will go to the game to help try and make the stands look full.

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End season with 9-18 record

Tigers bounced by Calhoun 79-30 in area tourney

The Elba Tigers saw their late-season collapse continue Friday night in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 Tournament as they were eliminated by the host Calhoun

Lady Tigers ousted in area tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Calhoun Friday night in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 Tournament, and battled for all four quarters in a 55-31 loss to the highly-ranked Calhoun Lady Tigers. Treshunika Hutson scored 13 points to lead (18-6) Calhoun, while Treasure Baker added 12 points and Fortune Smith scored 10. Elba ended the season with a 5-18 record.

Fund started for new lockers at Elba locker room

The Elba Tigers are in need of new lockers for the varsity football locker room, and all Elba Tiger fans are encouraged to make a cash donation to help the team reach its goal.

"We are in desperate need of new football lockers," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Our current lockers are metal and in really bad condition. We are looking to build wooden lockers with flip up seats. These lockers will cost \$100 each to build, and we are asking former players, students, parents, grandparents, boosters, and anyone else that is interested to help us."

In return for the donation of \$100, a locker will have the name of the person making the donation. If the person was a former player it will also have his/her jersey number, or their graduation year if they are an Elba High grad. One may also furnish a locker in memory of someone.

"We need help to restore our lockers and to keep the pride in Elba 'Tiger Football,'" added Coach Rials.

Donations may be taken to the Elba High School office or mailed to:

Elba High School Locker Fund, 371 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Altrusa Club to host tourney Feb. 24 at Jack

Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will sponsor a basketball tournament Saturday, Feb. 24, at Zion Chapel High School beginning at 9 a.m.

The games will be 5 on 5 Full Court games with standard game rules. Each game will be two 10-minute halves with 10-minute rest period.

The entry fee per team is \$50. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Feb. 22.

Between games will be \$1 shots from half court for a \$50 prize. Only one \$50 prize will be awarded.

All proceeds from the day's events will go to support all Zion Chapel athletes.

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Tigers 79-30. Frank Morris scored 14 points to lead the (9-18) Tigers, while Ricky Davidson and Jeremiah Davis both scored 14 points to lead (19-6) DeTroy Means added

12 points for Calhoun and Robert McCall added 11.



BRANTLEY'S DANIELS SIGNS SCHOLARSHIP...Brantley's Jeffrey Daniels signed two scholarships last Wednesday, Feb. 7, to continue his football career as he signed with Northeast Mississippi Junior College and Troy University. Daniels was a two-time All-State linebacker for the Bulldogs and was also a finalist for lineman of the year in 2005 and 2006 in Class 1A. During the 2006 season, Daniels was a defensive standout at linebacker, where he made 108 solo tackles, had 8 tackles for losses, had 2 interceptions and blocked one punt. As a running back, he gained 512 yards on 64 carries, scored 11 touchdowns, had one reception for 10 yards and completed one pass for 57 yards and one touchdown. Pictured above at last week's signing were (seated, l-r) his mother, Melany Daniels, and Jeffery Daniels, and (standing, l-r) Brantley Head Coach David Lowery, Brantley High Principal Tony Stallworth and Kathi Wallace, superintendent of Crenshaw County Schools.

Youth baseball and softball registration to be held in Elba Feb. 20 through March 2

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for boys baseball and girls softball will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and continue through Friday, March 2.

All registrants will be placed in leagues based on their age, with the age being determined by ones age on May 1, 2007. Registration fees are \$25 per person, with a \$60 maximum for families with more than two registrants. Practices are scheduled to begin in early March, with the regular season set to start April 2.

Registration forms will be passed out to all students in the Elba City School system on Feb. 20, and will also be available at the Recreation Center and at City Hall. For more information call the Recreation Office at 897-6833.

Baseball leagues will include the following:

*** Tee-Ball - for boys and girls ages 4-6. This league is co-ed, and players hit a safety ball off a tee and no score is kept. All members of the teams bat in each inning and play on defense.

All games consist of three innings, or a one-hour time limit.

*** Coach Pitch - for boys ages 7-8. In this league the coach of a team pitches to his batters from a distance of 40 feet, with the league being split into two mini-sessions. In the first session all batters will get the chance to hit in every inning, while in the second session a team will bat until its opponent can record three outs. All players will play on defense in both sessions. Score is kept and games have a time limit of 75 minutes.

*** Dixie Minors - for boys ages 9-10. In this league the players are introduced to the real game of baseball, with players doing the pitching, and only nine players being allowed on defense. All batters are included in the line-up to insure all players get the chance to bat, and games have a time limit of 90 minutes. Teams will play against teams from Kinston, New Brocton, Zion Chapel, Brantley and Samson. An All-Star team will be selected upon the completion of the season for tournament play.

*** Dixie Youth - for boys ages 11-12. This league continues the learning process for young players and is played similar to baseball on a scaled down field. Pitchers pitch to

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Class 1A, Area 4

Zion Chapel eliminated by Providence 56-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their season come to an end Thursday night with a 56-46 loss to the Providence Christian Eagles, in the opening round of area tournament action, at Dothan. The (9-21) Rebels put together their best three quarters of the season to open the game and owned a surprising 34-33 lead over the area champions late in the third quarter. However, Providence used a 13-0 run late in the quarter and early in the fourth quarter to take command at 46-34, and the Eagles never looked back as the Rebels saw their season come to an end. Adam Carter scored 16 points and Zach Stephens added 15 to lead Zion Chapel, while Nathan Chase led Providence with 22 points.

Lady Rebels fall in area tourney opener 58-18

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never threatened Thursday night in a 58-18 loss to the Providence Christian Lady Eagles, in the opening round of area tournament play, at Dothan. The Lady Rebels (5-16) got off to a slow start against highly-ranked Providence and trailed 14-2 late in the first quarter, then saw the Lady Eagles take complete command in the second quarter as the Providence lead grew to 38-10 by the end of the half. The pace slowed on both ends in the second half as the Lady Eagles easily held on for the win. Jennifer Taylor scored 10 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Andrea Charlton scored 18 points to lead a trio of Lady Eagles in double figures.

Kinston Bulldogs shock Purple Cats 55-52

The third time proved to be the charm for the Kinston Bulldogs Thursday night as they gained a measure of revenge for two regular season losses to Arton by knocking off the Purple Cats 55-52, in the opening round of the area tournament, at Dothan. The Bulldogs grabbed an early lead and appeared to be in control as they carried a 39-30 lead into the final stanza. However, Arton used a 14-4 run to regain command at the free-throw line as the Bulldogs connected on 8 of 10 free-throws in the final minute to pull off the upset win. Jake Hatway scored 21 points and Aaron Jacobs added 13 to lead the (6-12) Bulldogs, while Robert Leggett led Arton with 18 points.

Lady Bulldogs post 30-21 win over Lady 'Cats

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs kept their season alive Thursday night with a hard fought 30-21 win over the Arton Lady 'Cats, in opening round action at the area tournament, at Dothan. Christie Whigham scored 11 points and Kaliegh Sanders added 8 to lead the (12-13) Lady Bulldogs, while Breanna Daniels scored 10 points to lead Arton.

Class 2A, Area 3

New Brocton ousted with 67-64 loss to Long

The New Brocton Gamecocks saw their season come to an end Friday night with a 67-64 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, in the opening round of the area tournament, at Clayton. Courtney Foster scored 21 points to lead the (12-11) Gamecocks, while Dadrion Johnson added 16 and Alex McNair scored 11. Tee Morris led the Rebels with 34 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists and 6 steals.

Lady Gamecocks eliminated by Samson 84-27

The New Brocton Lady Gamecocks met the top-ranked Samson Lady Tigers Thursday night in the opening round of the area tournament, at Samson, and saw their season end with an 84-27 loss. Katie King scored 19 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jowanna Millsap added 18, Shea Howell 15 and Kala Bess 12.

Class 1A, Area 3

Brantley Bulldogs coast past McKenzie 85-60

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their late-season surge Thursday night with an easy 85-60 win over the McKenzie Lady Rebels, in the opening round of the area tournament, at Brantley. Jeffery Daniels scored 26 points and pulled down 10 rebound to lead the (19-6) Bulldogs, while Kevin Pitts added 20 points and 11 rebounds. Brandon Kent led the Tigers with 20 points.

Lady Bulldogs clobber Lady Tigers 68-23

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way as they cruised to an easy 68-23 win over the McKenzie Lady Tigers, in area tournament play Thursday night in Brantley. Taronda Randall scored 22 points, pulled down 18 rebounds and blocked 4 shots to spark the (16-8) Lady Bulldogs, while Elisha Person scored 14 points and handed out 6 assists.

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Brantley Lady Bulldog Taronda Randall (32) shoots over a McKenzie defender in action last week at the area tournament. Randall scored 22 points, pulled down 18 rebounds and blocked 4 shots to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a big 68-23 opening round win.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Kinston Lady Bulldog Kaliegh Sanders goes to the floor in an attempt to wrestle the ball away from an Arton defender, last week in area tournament action, in Dothan.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

New Brocton surprises Opp Bobcats 44-36

The New Brocton Gamecocks traveled to Opp last Monday night and gained a measure of revenge for an early-season loss as they defeated the Opp Bobcats 44-36. The Gamecocks used a sticky defense to take command early and carried a 30-12 lead into the final stanza, only to have to turn back a late Bobcat rally to post the win and end the regular season with a 12-10 record. Dominique Muhammad scored 13 points to lead New Brocton, while freshman Shamray Johnson added 11 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Rhet Barnes scored 12 points to lead Opp.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to Straughn 51-25

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs never got anything going on the offensive end of the court last Monday night in a 51-25 setback to the Straughn Lady Tigers. Heather Marlowe scored 6 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Allye Stokes scored 21 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

Men's Softball tourney set for Feb. 17 at Clayhatchee

There will be a men's softball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Clayhatchee Community Park. The entry fee is \$125 per team, and each team must provide its own regulation softballs. A 5 home-run rule will be used.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. For more information call Nancy at 334-598-4322.

NEXT WEEK....SCHEDULES FOR THE ELBA TIGERS & LADY TIGERS

For questions, call Tim Flowers at 897-5610, Wayne Akridge at 897-0111, Troy Kelley at 894-0379 or Chris Hudson at 897-

No firearms fatalities reported in Alabama during deer season

For the first time since records began in 1973, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division reports this past deer season, which ended on Jan. 31, 2007, there were no firearms or tree stand related fatal incidents.

Alabama's hunting incident rate has decreased significantly since the mandatory hunter education program was implemented in 1993. However, WFF cautions hunters to continue using safe hunting practices during other game seasons that continue in Alabama through April.

In Alabama, hunting provides about 5 million man-days of recreation for approximately 423,000 hunters and generates a direct economic impact of approximately \$800 million annually. As in all recreational activities, accidents occasionally occur that involve participants.

Statistics from the National Safety Council indicate hunting is one of the safest outdoor recreational activities. In fact, nationwide there are fewer than 10 firearms related incidents requiring emergency room treatment per 100,000 participants.

Pugh also strongly urges all hunters to properly identify their target and what is beyond prior to squeezing the trigger.

Mandatory hunter education in Alabama has proven to reduce hunting accidents and made Alabama's next generation of hunters more knowledgeable regarding our vast wildlife resources and hunting heritage. Successfully completing the hunter education course is mandatory prior to purchasing a hunting license at the age of 16 for anyone born on or after August 1, 1977. Adults are encouraged to enroll their children in a hunter education course between the ages of

12-14 as these younger students are eager to learn and implement the newly acquired safe hunting tips.



NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PAID A VISIT to Enterprise-Ozark Community College recently where they learned all about being admitted to college, registering for classes, applying for financial aid, selecting a major, attending classes, and joining college clubs and organizations. The EOCC Mentors, the college's official hosts, assisted students with questions and decisions and took the seniors on a tour of the Enterprise campus. The New Brockton Seniors were also treated to a program by the EOCC Entertainers.

Trees available from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person from Alabama who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2007.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member and receive the trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28, or join online at www.arborday.org.

TOWN (Continued from Page One)

In regards to the town's plan to purchase the Armory building in New Brockton, the mayor said the building now belongs to the Town of New Brockton. He said a check in the amount of \$45,000 was recently presented to the seller.

Mayor Cole said the town now is looking for available funds to help with certain renovations for the building. He said he has no idea at the point when the town offices will move to the building. All offices except the police department are scheduled to make the move.

During the meeting, council members were addressed by Michael Jenkins, a resident of Medley Road.

Jenkins expressed his concerns regarding the condition of Medley Road (a dirt road). He said there is no drainage on either side of the road, and it stays in a mess often washed out in places.

"I would like the road to be kept up," Jenkins said. "I'm not trying to get it paved. Just keep it up."

Jenkins indicated it had been over a year since gravel was put on the road, and it had not been graded in a while. He did acknowledge some work by a county crew but said that work only allowed more dirt to be pushed to the side of the road.

Mayor Cole said the town does not have the ability to fix the road. He said all the town can do is ask the county to help when something needs to be done.

"We need to be thankful for

the things the county does," Cole said.

The mayor said he would contact county engineer Randy Tindell and ask him to look at Medley Road and suggest what needs to be done to correct the problem. He also suggested residents of Medley Road contact their county commissioner and legislators to ask for help in correcting this problem.

In other business, the town council:

- Approved a request from the New Brockton Recreation board to conduct the Miss New Brockton pageants Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium.

- Approved a request from Police Chief Dale Grimes to accept the resignation of Officer Ashley Paul, effect Thursday, Feb. 8.

- Announced the hiring of Ronnie Clark as the new superintendent for the water department.

- Approved paying the payment of monthly bills totaling \$34,401.34 with \$10,409.59 pre-paid and \$23,991.75 to-be-paid.

- Approved a recommendation to hire part-time help for the town clerk.

- Announced the observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 19. Town hall offices will be closed that day.

- Announced the New Brockton Fire Department will sponsor a rodeo on Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, at the Coffee County Farm Center.

National Security Group declares quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$.225 per share. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$.90 per share. This cash dividend is payable on February 28, 2007 to shareholders of record February 5, 2007.

Crossway Quartet set to perform Sunday evening at First Assembly of God in Elba

The Crossway Quartet will be in concert Sunday, Feb. 18, at First Assembly of God in Elba.

Crossway is one of the rising stars of Southern Gospel music. Crossway has been nominated for multiple DOVE Awards and their song "Looks Like Love To Me" was named song of the year by several national publications.

This special service will begin at 5 p.m., and there is no admission charge. A love offering will be received.

First Assembly of God is located at 1320 Highland Drive, about a half mile behind Elba General Hospital. For more information, contact the church office at 897-6623.



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Elba school board votes in a split vote to rehire head football coach Scott Rials for next year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba School Board voted Tuesday night to renew the contract of head football coach Scott Rials.

This was not the only item on the board's agenda for the evening but by far the issue which generated the most emotion and the most discussion.

Contracts for eight other non-tenured administrative staff members were also up for renewal, but all were approved with little discussion and with no public comments received.

The word had circulated around town for the past week that the board would be discussing the football coach position, and this generated enough interest to prompt approximately 25 citizens to turn out for the monthly meeting. Some were there to speak in favor of retaining Rials while others expressed opinions that someone else might do a better job of coaching the team.

Not one opinion was expressed that was anything but highly complimentary of the head coach as a man, moral leader, etc., by concerned citizens nor by board members. However there were negative comments about the number of

SCOTT RIALS

losses the football team has suffered during his three years at the helm.

Following comments by parents, students, interested citizens, board members and Rials himself, Superintendent Danny Weeks recommended the board reemploy Scott Rials as head coach at Elba High School.

Just prior to the recommendation by Weeks, Rials addressed the group. In what was at times an obviously emotional address, he told the group that he too

wanted what was best for the school and the students. He added that in his opinion the young athletes at Elba High were on the right track and added, "Myself and my family have made this great city of Elba our home and this is where I want to be...no where else."

The board voted 3-2 to accept the recommendation of Mr. Weeks. Board members Matt Brunson and Gappa Wise opposed the move, again stressing it was not personal, but they felt someone else would be better for the Elba High football program. After the vote, both committed to support Rials and the program.

Voting to renew the contract were board members Josh Wilson, A. R. Williams and chairperson Valerie McGuire.

At the close of the meeting, Weeks said, "It is my job to do what I think is best for this school, in academics as well as sports. I think this is best."

Tatiana Parker selected as AEC Youth Tour winner from Elba High School

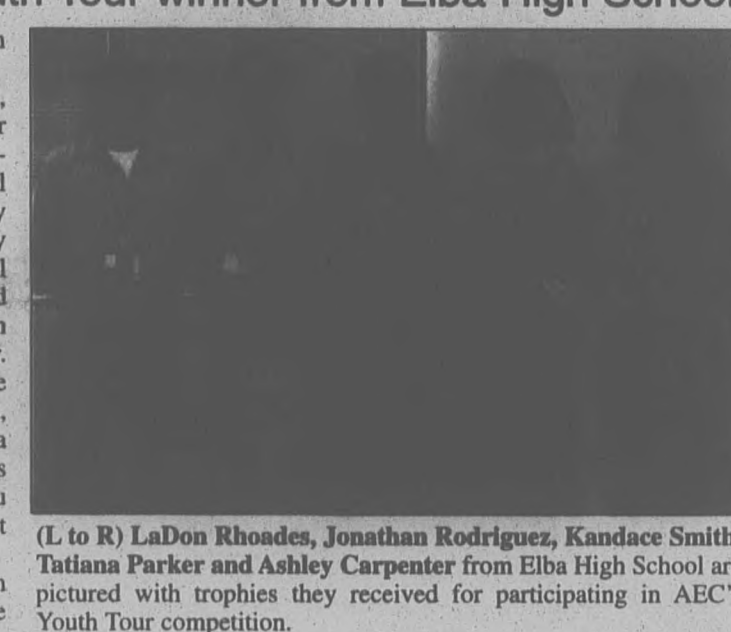
Tatiana Parker, daughter of Billy and Christina Parker, was selected Tuesday, Feb. 13, as the Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) Youth Tour winner from Elba High School. Parker will represent AEC on

the Washington Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 9-14. Ranked sixth in her class, Parker is on the "A/B" honor roll and sits first chair alto saxophone in the Elba High School Band. She serves as Missionary Baptist secretary, Bible study

leader, and Sunday school teacher. She is also a member of the Elba High School Band, and is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, EHS Kiwanis Club, Senior Beta Club, VICA, Christian Students Association, EHS A Club, Mu Alpha Theta and the Broadcast Journalism Staff.

Parker has participated in numerous community service activities, including ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping build Elba's community playground, serving military veterans and tutoring. Her hobbies include playing basketball, filmmaking and photography, learning different languages, writing and art.

Each participating student wrote an essay on "A World With No Electric Cooperatives," with which they earned a place among the top five from their junior class. The students then were scored on a written test and an interview competition at



(L to R) LaDon Rhoades, Jonathan Rodriguez, Kandace Smith, Tatiana Parker and Ashley Carpenter from Elba High School are pictured with trophies they received for participating in AEC's Youth Tour competition.

AEC. AEC has participated in the Washington Youth Tour program for more than 20 years, sponsoring the program at Andalusia High School, Elba High School, Opp High School and Pike County High School. The winner from each school represents AEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C.

The winners and runners-up from each school attend the

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Positive news suddenly turns negative

Bankruptcy court judge expresses concern in Dorsey sale

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The bankruptcy hearing last Thursday, Feb. 15, that was expected to finalize the sale and reopening of the local Dorsey Trailer manufacturing plant did not end as had been predicted by attorneys for both sides of the issue.

The attorneys and creditors had agreed on the wording for the "Asset Purchase Agreement" and purchase price, both of which were submitted to bankruptcy Judge William R. Sawyer during the Thursday

afternoon hearing in Montgomery. All parties left the hearing under the assumption that as soon as the judge formalized their written agreement with his signed order, title to the property and other assets would change hands.

However by Saturday afternoon all parties were sporting long faces as they began digesting a negative reaction from the judge. His 11-page response expressed concerns with environmental clauses in the purchase agreement.

Attorney Terry Butts, representing Pitts Enterprises, said he was just beginning to read the order but apparently the judge felt that parts of the order exceeded his bankruptcy court authority. Butts said he had not yet researched the issue questioned by the judge so he couldn't express an opinion on this latest action.

Butts did express confidence that this would be worked out and would not delay the sale to Pitts Enterprises, which was scheduled to take place in a couple of weeks, or as soon as title searches had been completed.

Elba High teacher proud of former student's accomplishments

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School teacher Cal Donnia Howard speaks fondly of former student Jamie Greek, and she is quick to explain why.

"He's a success story," said Howard. "I'm so proud of him."

Greek, currently a freshman attending LBW Community College, is a young adult with a disability; however, he does not let his disability prevent him from accomplishing anything.

Greek attends the Andalusia campus of LBW Community College on a drama scholarship and has made the Dean's List.

In 2006, he worked as a staff member on the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) for youth with disabilities. Currently, he is an active member of Young Adults in Transition.

"It warms my heart to see Jamie succeed beyond high school," said Howard.

While Greek attended Elba High School, he and Howard bonded as she worked with him as a coordinator of special education programs.

Howard said Greek was successful at anything he participated in while in high school, and he continues to be successful today.

"My goal is to keep in touch with Jamie wherever he goes," she said.

To do that, Howard may find herself quite busy. Not only is Greek an active member of Young Adults in Transition, he is the secretary of the Young Adults in Transition planning committee. The organization is relatively

new, and Greek is a charter member.

Greek said he and the other members work to improve special education programs at schools all across the state.

Howard believes Young Adults in Transition will prove to be very beneficial as it will provide much needed exposure to the varying disabilities all around. She said more people

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Elba High School teacher Cal Donnia Howard (right) continues to be proud of the accomplishments of former student Jamie Greek (left). Howard said Greek is a fine example for all people, especially those with disabilities.

Area Happenings

Freddy Hanchey joined the Elba Police Department 28 years ago and currently serves as Chief of Police.

Chief Hanchey said his reason for choosing a career in law enforcement was simply to, "give back to the community I was raised in."

He completed the basic police training course in 1979. Throughout his career of nearly three decades, the chief has acquired a large array of advanced training in the field.

Among his many achievements include the completion of courses for Project Safe Neighborhoods Enforcement Training, the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Emergency Vehicle Operator (Ambulance), Motorcycle Gangs - Street



Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey

Gangs and Child Pornography, Hostage Negotiations, Crime Scene, The Critical Hours of an Investigation, Law Enforcement Decision Making, ACJIS computer terminal operation, Criminal Intelligence and Criminal Intelligence Analysis, PPCT Law Enforcement, Responding to Domestic Violence, Proactive Drive Training Program, SkidCar System, Drug Labs and Indoor

completed study for his police chief certification and currently is working to achieve his advanced certification.

The chief said his most memorable police experience was the Flood of 1990. His hobbies/interests are golf and motorcycles.

Chief Hanchey's family includes his wife, Tina, and three daughters, Jodi, Stephanie and Carrie.